The

In re Application of:

Docket No. 00862.0022197

Toshiaki UEGURI, et al.

Application No.: 09/832,952

Examiner: G. Vaughn

Filed: April 12, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2178

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

Date: January 6, 2005

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

X No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | | | |
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| | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | (4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRE | (5) SENT TRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 23 | MINUS | 51 | = | 0 | x \$25 \$50 | \$0.00 | |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 4 | MINUS | 9 | = | 0 | x \$100 \$200 | \$0.00 | |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360 | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$0.00 | | | | | | | | |

Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously. A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed. Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. | X| Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a _____ month extension is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed. Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below. Respectfully submitted, Jack S. Cubert Attorney for Applicants Registration No.: 24,245 FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10112-3800 Facsimile: (212) 218-2200 JSC/cmg DC_MAIN 189532v1

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows: